

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 18, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the December 4, 2017 minutes as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Met with CSX. He said the meeting went well. They are looking at adjustments. We will follow up.
2. We represented our region at the Indot regional planning meeting. They are doing corridor studies which include Highway 3 as one of those studies.
3. The training center has been turned over and will be having an open house.
4. We went over the animal shelter mark ups. We will be meeting with Dave Julian for further discussion.
5. We are about 90% in agreement regarding the police department roof matter. We need to update the numbers.
6. There has been some discussion among residents regarding Cherry Street drainage. There are 2 different conversations and they have become confused. Our hope is that Cherry Street will take care of some of our drainage problem. It will not be dumping water into the Flatrock. Cameron said he and Chuck Kemker and Marvin Reese are discussing the matter.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reminded Department Heads that they need to have their final bills in to her office by noon December 21. The final docket will be on Dec 28th. She asked for 3 volunteers to review and approve. Councilmen Bridges, Berkemeier, and Conner volunteered.

Copley reminded Council that the SBOA audit exit conference will be this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the City Utilities. She said any of the Council are invited to attend.

The first meeting in January will be on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, due to the 1st Tuesday being New Year's Day.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith said they will make some Board appointments later in this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Mayor Pavey said at the Windsor they have some ADA issues with the front door. They want to correct the issues when the Morgan Street project is complete so things aren't torn up twice. We agreed that is okay.

We did not win the regional stellar designation, however it was a good exercise.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said they will have the roll out announcement on January 16th.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – We are in the process of moving in. The elevator needs to be inspected. Our target date is the end of the year.
- **Cherry Street** – We have a meeting scheduled for Friday.
- **Brownfield Grant** – We are having conversations for the best way to spend the small amount of funds we have left. Approximately 95% has been spent.
- **Housing** – We met with Joe Peacock and Russell Brown. We are moving forward. We have seen the new layout and unit design. There will not be any dirt moving until the frost is over.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the Board of Works approved to allow for a 2nd investigator. This will not be a promotion, but will have a stipend.

Animal – Warden Cottrell said they had a surprise visit from the Veterinarian. He was very pleased.

They are currently taking computer training.

Presently they only have 3 dogs and 8 cats at the shelter.

Park – They will be asking for quotes for a dump bed trailer.

Mayor Pavey said the Park Department has been very helpful with moving items to City Center.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said there was a minor accident with the aerial truck. He said most of the damage can be buffed out.

The Assistant Chief's truck has been repaired. They have discussed with the Mayor that they would like to lease a new vehicle for a term of 4 years and relocate the Assistant's truck to the Street Department. Berkemeier made a motion to allow the Chief to move forward with this plan. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Sugar Hill Drainage Easement Letter** – Pavey said he has had some conversation with property owners. They discussed some concerns. They will try to work something out.

2. **City Council Appointments:**

BZA – Bridges moved to appoint Dan Hedrick to the BZA. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Redevelopment Commission – Cameron made a motion re-appoint John Pavey and Ron Lienemann to the Redevelopment Commission. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Animal Control Ordinances** – Cottrell is working on the revised ordinance.

4. **Fuel Bids** – Smith moved to approve the fixed bid price with Harvest Land Co-op. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **911 Contract Approved** – The numbers have been revised and a signed copy sent back to us.

6. **Lawton Addition – Letter of Remonstrance and Owner Agreement** – The owner was told that the City requested a letter of no remonstrance along with an agreement. Newhouse prepared an agreement. Newhouse said we will also need a formal easement. Newhouse said he understood that the City will do the work for the water. The landowner will be responsible for the sewer. We need to check with IDEM on permits and specifications on piping for sewage. Newhouse suggested that Council grant the Mayor authority to sign the

agreement. Smith said the City needs to have access to the water line. He was also concerned about the length of the water line and that cost. Conner made a motion to table for further research. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police and Fire Joint Purchase Imaging Equipment** – Conner made a motion to approve the joint purchase of imaging equipment. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2018-25 Transfer (Animal and Police)** – Smith moved to approve Resolution 2018-25. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2018-26 Support of Cherry Street Phase II** – Russell Browns will prepare the resolution.
4. **Ordinance 2018-Amend 2019 Salaries** – Cameron moved to table to make sure the dispatcher's salary had been revised as was discussed earlier in the year. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2018-38 Adopt Ordinance 2018-1 Utility** – Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2018-38 with grammatical corrections. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The ordinance changes the fee amount.
6. **Cherry Street Phase I RFP Construction Engineering** – Pavey said he wanted to give a heads up that an RFP was sent out for Construction Engineering.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Meter Locations vs. Construction Specifications – Meter Pit Construction Specifications**

CLAIMS AND NOVEMBER BANK RECONCILIATION – Bridges moved to approve the claims and November 2018 bank reconciliation as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

Parking Lot at Frontier Building - Newhouse prepared a contract agreement for shared use with the Library. The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for the agreement. The Library agreed to \$10 per year for 20 years. Smith made a motion to approve the agreement. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Park Restaurant – Councilman Berkemeier asked what was going on with the old Park Restaurant building. Pavey said it will be torn down and used for the kennel portion of the new animal shelter.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.